



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Dominique Hertz et al.

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For: CLUSTER FOR ADJUSTING A NUCLEAR REACTOR
CORE REACTIVITY, ABSORBER ROD OF THE
CLUSTER AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING THE
ABSORBER ROD AGAINST WEAR

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2007 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.